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SUBJECT: UNFDAC: INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH MAIN DONORS

SUMMARY: UNFDAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEBEUS HELD INFORMAL MEETING MAY 5 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MAIN DONOR COUNTRIES, THE SECOND MEETING OF ITS

TYPE AND FIRST HELD AT UNFDAC INITIATIVE. REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED FROM AUSTRALIA, CANADA, FRANCE, IRAN, UK AND US (FRG, NZ, AND JAPAN WERE INVITED BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND). TOPICS RAISED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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WERE: REVISED ESTIMATES FOR UNFDAC BUDGET FOR 1977 (FROM \$11.2 MILLION

TO \$7.3 MILLION) PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS IN FINANCIAL PRESENTATIONS, REDUCTION OF SUPPORT FOR PERSONNEL POSITIONS IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, FUND ACTIVITIES TO SOLICIT INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS AND AFGHAN PROGRAM. GIST OF PRESENTATIONS BELOW. MISSION EVALUATES MEETING AS CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORT TO MEET DESIRES OF DONORS EXPRESSED AT LAST

SESSION COMMISSION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS AND AT PREVIOUS DONOR MEETING.
DEBEUS STATED INTENT TO HOLD FOLLOW-UP MEETING IN JUNE OR JULY.
END SUMMARY

1. REVISED ESTIMATES FOR 1977. DEBEUS EXPLAINED THAT FUND HAS
UNERTAKEN TO CUT PROJECTED EXPENDITURE FIGURE OF \$11.2 MILLION
(ANNEX 1, E/CN.7/596) TO BRING IT CLOSER INTO LINE WITH ESTIMATED
INCOME. HE NOW ENVISAGES A PROVISIONAL PROGRAM FOR 1977 OF \$7.2
MILLION, WHICH INVOLVES REDUCTION OF \$3.9 MILLION ACHIEVED BY
RE-EVALUATION OF PREVIOUS ESTIMATES, COMPLETION OF SOME PROJECTS,
AND TERMINATION OR DELAY OF OTHERS. UPON QUESTIONING BY MISOFF, DEBEUS

EMPHASIZED THAT NO COUNTRY PROGRAMS WOULD BE AFFECTED OR DELAYED
BY THIS EXERCISE. (DEPUTY DIRECTOR WELLMAN EXPLAINED IN LATER
PRIVATE CONVERSATION THAT IN SEVERAL CASES FUND NOTIFIED EXECUTING
AGENCIES OF NEED FOR BUDGET CUTS AND PROVIDED ITS ESTIMATES OF AMOUNTS

REQUIRED FOR EFFECTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF PROJECTS; REVISED ESTIMATES
WERE THEN NEGOTIATED BETWEEN FUND AND EXECUTING AGENCIES).

2. AMONG EXPENDITURES REDUCED BY RE-EVALUATION WERE \$215 THOUSAND
SCHEDULED FOR RESEARCH AND REPORTING PROGRAM ON EPIDEMIOLOGY OF DRUG
DEPENDENCE AND \$300 THOUSAND FOR THE CENTRAL TRAINING UNIT. FUNDS
AVAILABLE FROM 1976 ALLOCATION WERE SUFFICIENT TO CANCEL THE FORMER,
AND REDUCED ACTIVITIES OF LATTER ENABLE REDUCTION OF \$200 THOUSAND
FROM ESTIMATES BASED ON PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES. AMONG COMPLETED
PROJECTS NO LONGER REQUIRING FUNDING ARE "LEGAL COMMENTARIES ON 1971
CONVENTION AND 1972 PROTOCOL" (PREVIOUS ESTIMATE \$87 THOUSAND) AND
"COUNTRY STUDIES ON DRUG ABUSE AND DRUG ABUSE CONTROL" (PREVIOUS
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ESTIMATE \$40 THOUSAND). PROJECT FOR "PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL
IMPLEMENTS IN NARCOTIC CROP REPLACEMENT AREAS" WAS TERMINATED
(\$15 THOUSAND) AND UNESCO PROGRAMS IN FIELD OF DRUG EDUCATION AND
DRUG ABUSE PRESENTATION WERE CUT FROM \$198 THOUSAND TO \$80
THOUSAND. PROJECTS IN PREVIOUS ESTIMATES WHICH FUND NOW DEFERS
DEFERS INCLUDE REGIONAL DRUG CONTROL ADVISERS FOR CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA AND FOR AFRICA (FOR TOTAL \$180 THOUSAND REDUCTION).
REDUCTIONS IN ESTIMATES FOR SOME COUNTRY PROGRAMS
REFLECT CURRENT ESTIMATES OF WHAT CAN ACTUALLY BE ACHIEVED THIS YEAR.
LARGEST REDUCTION, \$1.4 MILLION FOR BURMA PROGRAM (FROM \$2.3 MILLION
TO \$900 THOUSAND) WAS ATTRIBUTED BY DEBEUS TO BURMESE DELAY IN NAMING
PROGRAM MANAGER. (COPY OF PROVISIONAL PROGRAM FOR 1977 BEING FORWARDED
IO/HDC).

3. FINANCIAL PRESENTATION. DEBEUS DISTRIBUTED SAMPLES OF NEW FORMAT
FOR PROJECT REPORTS, PROVIDING DETAILED ITEMIZATION OF EXPENSES WITH
SAME HEADINGS AS UN BUDGET DOCUMENTS, FOR DONORS' REVIEW AND
COMMENT. MEETING PARTICIPANTS POINTED OUT SOME DEFECTS, WHICH
DEBEUS AGREED TO CORRECT (I.E., OMISSION OF PROJECT LENGTH)

BUT IN GENERAL WERE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED. NEW FORMAT INCLUDES LISTING OF COUNTERPART CONTRIBUTION BY HOST GOVERNMENTS. DEBEUS REQUESTED DONOR REACTIONS BE AVAILABLE AT NEXT MEETING. (COPY POUCHED IO/HDC).

4. UNFDAC. SUPPORT FOR PERSONNEL POSITIONS IN OTHER ORGANS. DEBEUS STATED THAT, IN VIEW OF STRONG POSITION TAKEN BY LAST CND SESSION, HE HAD NOTIFIED INCB THAT FUND WOULD TERMINATE ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PERSONNEL POSITIONS IN NEAR FUTURE. (BOARD HAS REPORTEDLY REPLIED OBJECTING TO CUTS). HE ALSO NOTIFIED WHO AND UNESCO OF REDUCTIONS IN FUNDS AVAILABLE AND REQUESTED PRIORITIES FOR THEIR UTILIZATION. UNESCO HAS RESPONDED PROVIDING PRIORITIES.

5. SOLICITATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS. DEBEUS DESCRIBED HIS APPROACHES TO SCANDINAVIAN GOVERNMENTS EMPHASIZING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN REDUCTION OF OPIUM CULTIVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEY WERE RECEPTIVE TO DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF OPIUM PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND ARE IN PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING DETAILS OF CONTRIBUTIONS WITH UNFDAC. DEBEUS DESCRIBED PROPOSALS AS GOOD FOR "CONSIDERABLE" CONTRIBUTIONS. DEBEUS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT JAPANESE SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY WAS CONTRIBUTING TO FUND (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) AND STATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE IN PROGRESS WITH THE SWISS CHEMICAL INDUSTRY FOR CONTRIBUTION. AT MEETING HE ALSO DISCUSSED INCONCLUSIVELY

WITH IRANIAN REPRESENTATIVE TIMING OF NEXT APPROACH TO IRAN.

6. AFGHANISTAN. DEBEUS MENTIONED REPORTS THAT OPIUM CROP IS FLOURISHING IN AFGHANISTAN, AND THAT HE IS SENDING LETTER-TO PRESIDENT DAUD EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT EFFECT OF SUCH CULTIVATION ON IMAGES OF GOA AND UN LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.

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7. COMMENTS: MISSION NOTES THIS IS FIRST TIME, AFTER EXTENSIVE US EFFORTS, UNFDAC HAS UNDERTAKEN AT OWN INITIATIVE TO INFORM MAJOR DONORS OF CURRENT FUND ACTIVITIES. REVISION OF ESTIMATES SEEMS TO CONSIST LARGELY OF CORRECTING PREVIOUS OVERESTIMATIONS, ALTHOUGH EXERCISE HAS PRESSURED FUND AND OTHER PARTICIPATING AGENCIES TO THINK MORE CLEARLY ABOUT PRIORITIES. NEW FINANCIAL PRESENTATION FORMAT CONSTITUTES DISTINCT IMPROVEMENT OVER PREVIOUS ONES AND SHOULD PROVIDE CONTRIBUTORS DEVICE FOR BETTER ANALYSIS OF PROGRAMS. NOTICE OF REDUCTION OF SUPPORT FOR OTHER ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL SHOULD AT LEAST ESTABLISH AN APPROPRIATE DIRECTION, ALTHOUGH ITS EXECUTION WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBABLY TAKE EXTENDED NEGOTIATION. SOLICITATION EFFORTS APPEAR TO BE ACHIEVING RESULTS WHICH SHOULD HAVE MAJOR AFFIRMATIVE IMPACT ON APPROACHES TO OTHER COUNTRIES. LETTER TO PRES. DAOUD (COPIES POUCHED IO/HDC AND KABUL) SHOULD SERVE TO EMPHASIZE INTERNATIONAL CONCERN WITH CONTINUED OPIUM CULTIVATION.

8. COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT APPEARED SATISFIED WITH RESPONSES TO THEIR INQUIRIES ON SUBJECTS OF PRESENTATION AND EXPECT BE PREPARED PROVIDE COMMENTS AT NEXT MEETING. OF THREE UNFDAC OFFICIALS PRESENT, (DEBEUS, WELLMAN AND MESSERI, FINANCIAL OFFICER), WELLMAN APPEARED MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT DETAILS OF PRORGRAMS AND BEST PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RAISED. END COMMENTS.SORENSEN

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